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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 10259

LIMDIS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV VS

SUBJ: UPCOMING REMOVAL OF THE VINH BINH PROVINCE CHIEF

FOL TEL SENT ACTION SAIGON FROM CAN THO JUNE 7,
BEING REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO.

QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L CAN THO 409

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SUBJECT: UPCOMING REMOVAL OF THE VINH BINH PROVINCE CHIEF

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1. MG NGUYEN VINH NGHI, IV CORPS COMMANDER, TOLD ME JUNE 6
THAT THE VINH BINH PROVINCE CHIEF, COLONEL NGUYEN HUU KIEM,
WOULD BE FIRED WITHIN A WEEK. NGHI SAID THAT OTHER PROVINCE
CHIEFS WERE SCHEDULED FOR REMOVAL BUT DID NOT NAME THEM.

2. I REJOINED THAT, IN KIEM, NGHI HAD IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE
ONLY THREE AMONG THE SIXTEEN PROVINCE CHIEFS WHO ALSO STRUCK
US AS BEING INEFFECTIVE OR CORRUPT OR BOTH. I CITED COLONEL
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TRAN VAN THI IN VINH LONG AND COLONEL NGUYEN VAN THO IN AN
XUYEN AS INDIVIDUALS OF MINIMAL COMPETENCE. I ADDED THAT
THE OVERALL LEVEL OF PROVINCE CHIEFS AND DIVISION COMMANDERS
IN IV CORPS STRUCK ME AS BEING MUCH HIGHER THAN IN MR II, WHERE

I HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ASSIGNED.

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